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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARA 2)

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF ARAB TERRORIST--FEDAYEEN-PLANNED MISSILE ATTACK

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1. AMBASSADOR MET SECRETARY GENERAL GAJA LAST EVENING. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION AMBASSADOR STRONGLY URGED THAT ITALIANS NOT REPEAT NOT RELEASE ARABS ARRESTED PRIOR TO THEIR INTENDED ATTACK ON ISRAELI AIRLINER AT ROME AIRPORT. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED FEAR THAT USE OF GROUND TO AIR MISSILES AGAINST CIVILIAN AIRLINERS COULD OCCUR AGAIN AND IT THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT ARABS BE SEVERELY PUNISHED.

2. GAJA STATED THAT ITALIANS HAVE INFORMATION THAT ARABS MAY BE PLANNING TO CARRY OUT MAJOR TERRORIST ACTIVITIES IN ITALY WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS. HE MENTIONED FOR EXAMPLE THE POSSIBILITY THAT AN ARAB COMMANDO MIGHT TAKE OVER THE HILTON HOTEL IN ROME WITH THE THREATS TO BLOW IT UP.

3. GAJA SPEAKING AS SENIOR CIVIL SERVANT SAID THAT GOI WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT RELEASE ARABS PRESENTLY HELD.

4. COMMENT: I BELIEVE GAJA REPRESENTS FOREIGN MINISTER MORO'S THINKING BUT WE MUST RECKON WITH THE FACT THAT AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL THERE MAY BE TENDENCIES TO CAVE IF ARAB PRESSURES MOUNT. VOLPE

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